

Gov. Len Small Was Found Not Guilty of Entering Into a Conspiracy with Divers Other Persons to Defraud the State of Illinois Out of One Penny of Its Interest Money.

The Chief Executive of This State Should, Without Delay, Bring Suit Against Col. Edward J. Brundage, Fred C. Mortimer, The Chicago Tribune and Their Minions for One Million Dollars, for False Imprisonment and Malicious Persecution.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER THE STATE-WIDE PRIMARIES IN 1920, WHEN IT WAS LEARNED THAT HON. LEN SMALL HAD DEFEATED JOHN G. OGLESBY FOR THE NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR, THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE URGED THE CANVASSING OR RETURNING BOARD TO THROW OUT ENOUGH OF THE BALLOTS CAST FOR MR. SMALL IN ORDER TO SHOW THAT MR. OGLESBY HAD RECEIVED THE NOMINATION. THE OFFICIALS OF THE TRIBUNE AT THAT TIME SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO INDUCE PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO RESORT TO SUCH A HEINOUS CRIME.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. LEN SMALL AT HER HOME IN KANKAKEE. HER FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WAS ATTENDED BY ALL THE LEADING OFFICIALS AND PROMINENT CITIZENS IN GENERAL THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN ALL PARTS OF THIS BROAD LAND FLOWS OUT TO GOV. SMALL IN THIS THE SADDEST HOUR IN HIS LIFE.

The long, drawn out trial of Hon. Len Small, Governor of the great state of Illinois, came to an end at Waukegan, late last Saturday and twelve tired and true honest men, by their verdict declared to all the whole world that he was not guilty of joining hands with the late state senator, Edward C. Curtis, nor with his brother, Vernon Curtis, nor with divers other persons in an attempt to defraud the people of the state of Illinois out of one penny belonging to this state.

The jurors, after drinking in all of the false or highly colored evidence that his rank political enemies could hatch up and hurl at the honest head of Governor Small, for almost six weeks, in the twinkling of an eye (as it were) had no more than entered the jury room before they were good and ready to return a verdict of not guilty in the slightest degree. To say the least, there was great rejoicing on the part of the legions of friends of Governor and Mrs. Small over the outcome of the long, drawn out, bitter trial.

Attorney-general Edward J. Brundage, who has spent more than one hundred thousand dollars of the small taxpayers money in a vain effort to shew down his personal political revenge upon the head of Governor Small, and his large force of lawyers, including James H. Wilkerson, who is all things to all men, from a legal point of view, professed to be greatly surprised over the outcome of their personal political case.

It seems that the Hon. Edward J. Brundage and his crowd of short sighted rattle brained lawyers, who are always willing to fall down upon their hands and knees before the heads or the bosses of the great corporations; who are ever ready to rob and plunder the poor, hard working people in this state, every way they possibly can, were unable to tell that they were yelping or barking up the wrong tree, therefore the right thinking people who are in a majority in this state should, as soon as possible, retire the Hon. Edward J. Brundage from public office, for his judgment seems to be shaky and he has simply proven himself to be a false prophet and unsafe in many ways to serve as

Attorney-General for the great state of Illinois.

For almost one year the Hon. Edward J. Brundage, his loud shouters and retainers have been traveling around over this state, and with the assistance of the Chicago Tribune, they have been engaged in branding Governor Small as a dishonest scoundrel, a thief; that he was steeped in crime or wrong doing, until he was as black as the hinges of the infernal regions; that it would be dead easy to prove in open court that he had stolen two million dollars belonging to the people of Illinois, but time has proven that with all of their puffing and loud blowing that they were simply a pack of maddened lambs wearing wolf's clothing who were seeking the life and blood of an innocent victim.

The lawyers for the state selected Lake county in which to try Governor Small, for they labored under the impression that the Hon. Edward J. Brundage could easily control the majority of the voters residing in that county and that there would not be much trouble in selecting a jury which would be rather friendly to the state's side of the case; but the fates or the Gods were against the high handed scheming and plotting in that respect.

To come right down to the milk in the cocoanut, Governor Small, while honestly serving as state treasurer of Illinois, turned over more interest on the public funds intrusted to him than any other state treasurer that Illinois has ever had. In view of all of the foregoing facts, Governor Small should, without delay, institute

suits against the Hon. Edward J. Brundage, Attorney-General of Illinois, Hon. Fred C. Mortimer, State's Attorney of Sangamon county, the Chicago Tribune, and all of the bunch of character assassins for one million dollars for false imprisonment, malicious persecution, and for defamation of character.

As stated above the remains of Mrs. Small were laid to rest in the family lot in Mound Grove Cemetery, Wednesday afternoon.

Gov. Small stood with bowed head while the Rev. R. F. Eckley, a friend of thirty years, read the simple burial service of the Methodist Episcopal church, and concluded the ceremony by dropping a white lily into the grave. The base of granite obelisk was completely covered with flowers.

Thousands Pass Home

Beginning early Wednesday morning thousands passed in line through the front door of the Small residence, taking a last look at the body as it lay in state. In the coffin, lined with white satin, Mrs. Small lay robed in white with a bouquet of pink sweet peas. The room was filled with a profusion of floral offerings which were said to have cost in excess of \$3,000.

Gov. Small, his sons, Leslie and Budd, and others of the immediate family, sat in the darkened room which held the casket during the funeral services. Thousands of persons gathered on the expansive lawn of the governor's house long before 3 o'clock, the hour when the services began. Intermingled with the local citizens were hundreds of state and city officials.

Many Officials There

Among those attending were Mayor William Hale Thompson, Corporation Counsel Samuel A. Ettelson, State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, First Assistant State's Attorney Edgar A. Jonas, the majority of the state legislature and the Illinois Commerce Commission, Gen. Carlos E. Black, Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson, Col. Frank Smith, Superintendent of Public Instruction Francis G. Blair, State Auditor Russel, Lieut. Gov. Fred E. Sterling, Dr. John Dill Robertson and Hon. James W. Breen.

After two minutes of silent prayer while the crowd stood with bared and bowed heads, the Rev. E. B. Evans of De Kalb, Ill., read the twenty-third psalm and the fourteenth chapter of the book of John. The Rev. John A. Johnson of the Trinity Methodist Church, eulogized Mrs. Small for her simplicity of life and her purity of motives.

Loved Her Home

"Mrs. Small loved her home, her husband, and her children," said Dr. Johnson. "She made her home a place of rest and comfort, but not at the cost of her interest in the community. She was interested in the best things of life."

"Mrs. Small knew the meaning of the word 'mother,'" Dr. Evans said. "Our friend at her best was the queen of her home. She presided as a wife and a mother, but, as well, her supreme desire was to find good in the lives of others. She forgot the dark side and looked only on the bright."

14 Autos Bear Flowers

Following the services fourteen automobiles were loaded with the floral

FORMER MAYOR AND MRS. CARTER H. HARRISON LANDED IN CHICAGO LAST SATURDAY MORNING, SAFE AND SOUND, AFTER FOURTEEN MONTHS' TOUR AROUND THE WORLD. MANY OF THEIR FRIENDS GREETED THEM ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE DEARBORN STREET STATION. MR. JULIUS F. TAYLOR PLEASANTLY GREETED MR. AND MRS. HARRISON AT THE SAME TIME.

Saturday morning past, former mayor and Mrs. Carter H. Harrison, returned to their old home town, after an absence of more than one year in touring all parts of the old world.

On their arrival at the Dearborn Street Station, they were greeted by hundreds and hundreds of their old warm friends, many of them being steadfast, political supporters of the five times Mayor of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, who are both looking exceedingly well, greatly enjoyed their journey, to all parts of the old world.

It so happened, that the writer was passing the Dearborn Street Station at the time of their arrival and ran right into the former Mayor and he cordially extended his hand and exclaimed that he was glad to see us, and in a short interview with him, he declared, "That there is no country in the world, like the United States; that there is no city on earth that can compare to the great city of Chicago; that he was exceedingly delighted to return home to his native land and to the marvelous city of his birth."

At that point a crowd of politicians rushed Mr. Harrison off to one corner of the depot and while they were conversing with him in low voices and as Mrs. Harrison was disengaged in talking with some of her lady

friends, we approached her and announced our name, both of her arms were loaded down with a large bouquet of rare flowers; she quickly shifted it on to her right arm for a few moments to enable her to shake hands with her left hand.

Mrs. Harrison was very gracious and pleasant in her manner and stated, "Mr. Taylor, I am delighted to meet you," and she wanted to know if we had overlooked Mr. Harrison and we informed her that we had already come in contact with her distinguished husband and we also informed Mrs. Harrison that she was looking exceedingly beautiful and charming, after her long trip. She smilingly thanked us for the compliments. Then we informed her that we greatly enjoyed reading her well written and highly interesting articles on the "Late Mrs. Potter Palmer," which ran through the Herald and Examiner the past winter.

She responded that she was greatly pleased to learn that we had enjoyed reading them. Mrs. Harrison springs from the Ogden family, of New Orleans, La., which has always been one of the most aristocratic and most highly respected families in that section of the Southland, and Mrs. Harrison has never been afraid of worthy and respectable colored people.

ers from the Small residence and preceded the cortege to the grave. Company L of the 129th Infantry also preceded the procession and formed a circle about the knoll to keep back the thousands who had congregated there to pay their last tribute to the governor's wife.

So long was the cortege that accompanied the casket to Mound Grove that its head arrived there before the last automobile had left the house. Along the streets and roadsides were thousands of residents in machines.

All industries in Kankakee suspended operations for the day and the capitol at Springfield was closed. Wire company officials said that more than 3,000 messages of sympathy and condolence to the governor's family had been received.

Adopts Resolutions

The City Council of Chicago at a special session on Wednesday morning unanimously and by rising vote adopted the following resolution lamenting the untimely death of Mrs. Ida Moore Small:

On motion of Ald. John A. Richter, Mayor Thompson was empowered to

name the entire city council as a committee to attend the funeral. Some of the aldermen left with the mayor a half hour after the meeting for Kankakee.

The Resolution.

The resolution read, in part, as follows:

"Whereas, The lamented Mrs. Small in her lifetime typified all that was noble in womanhood and motherhood; "Whereas, In her death, her excellency, the governor, has been deprived of a noble and true wife, her children of a loving and devoted mother, and the people of the state of Illinois of a woman of exalted character; one whose philanthropic and charitable work will be greatly missed; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we extend to his excellency, the governor, and to the members of his family, our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of grief; and, be it further

"Resolved, That, as an additional mark of respect to the memory of the late wife of the governor, the flags on all municipal buildings be displayed at half-mast on the day of her funeral."